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Committee Bill No. 466

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR PHYSICIANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-10b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of
5 this section, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a
6 minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing medical education
7 within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing
8 medical education shall (1) be in an area of the physician's practice; (2)
9 reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health
10 care needs of the public; and (3) during the first renewal period in
11 which continuing medical education is required and not less than once
12 every six years thereafter, include at least one contact hour of training
13 or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases,
14 including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome
15 and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, (C) sexual
16 assault, (D) domestic violence, [and] (E) cultural competency, and (F)

17 behavioral health. For purposes of this section, qualifying continuing
 18 medical education activities include, but are not limited to, courses
 19 offered or approved by the American Medical Association, American
 20 Osteopathic Medical Association, Connecticut Hospital Association,
 21 Connecticut State Medical Society, county medical societies or
 22 equivalent organizations in another jurisdiction, educational offerings
 23 sponsored by a hospital or other health care institution or courses
 24 offered by a regionally accredited academic institution or a state or
 25 local health department. The commissioner may grant a waiver for not
 26 more than ten contact hours of continuing medical education for a
 27 physician who: [(1)] (i) Engages in activities related to the physician's
 28 service as a member of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board,
 29 established pursuant to section 20-8a; [(2)] (ii) engages in activities
 30 related to the physician's service as a member of a medical hearing
 31 panel, pursuant to section 20-8a; or [(3)] (iii) assists the department
 32 with its duties to boards and commissions as described in section 19a-
 33 14.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2013	20-10b(b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow physicians to take continuing education courses on specified topics once every six years and to require physicians to take continuing education courses on the topic of behavioral health.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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